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**Re: Petition of Budget Phone, Incorporated for Designation as an  
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in certain BellSouth,  
Sprint, and Verizon Exchanges for the Purpose of Receiving  
Federal Universal Service Support  
Docket No. 2005-219-C**

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of the South Carolina Telephone Coalition, please find an original and ten (10) copies of a Petition to Intervene in the above-referenced matter. By copy of this letter and Certificate of Service, all parties of record are being served with a copy of this Petition by U. S. Mail.

Please clock in a copy of this filing and return it to us with our courier.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

*Margaret M. Fox*

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Enclosures

cc: Parties of Record

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          Universal Service Support.                               )  
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**PETITION TO  
INTERVENE**

The South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC") respectfully submits the within Petition to Intervene in the above-referenced docket. In support of its Petition, SCTC would respectfully show unto this honorable Commission:

1.       SCTC is a coalition of incumbent local exchange telephone companies organized and doing business under the laws of the State of South Carolina. SCTC's members are telephone companies or telephone cooperatives subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission. A list of companies on whose behalf the SCTC is intervening in this matter is attached hereto as "Exhibit A."

2.       SCTC seeks to intervene in this proceeding with full rights to participate as a party of record in so far as its interests might appear.

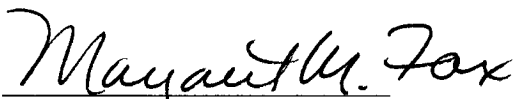
3.       SCTC member companies are local exchange carriers who serve as carriers of last resort in their respective service areas and, in addition, are rural telephone companies that rely on universal service support to continue the provision of affordable basic local exchange service in their respective service areas. While Budget Phone, Incorporated is not seeking

designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier within the areas served by SCTC member companies, SCTC has a continuing interest in the integrity of federal and state universal service support mechanisms, and has a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding and the impact it could have on those mechanisms. SCTC's position is that its participation in this proceeding will help insure that such mechanisms are not adversely impacted.

4. Correspondence and communications to SCTC with respect to this proceeding should be directed to the undersigned counsel.

WHEREFORE, the South Carolina Telephone Coalition respectfully requests that this honorable Commission permit its intervention in this proceeding as its interests might appear.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 

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Columbia, South Carolina  
September 16, 2005

### **South Carolina Telephone Coalition Member Companies**

Chesnee Telephone Company  
Chester Telephone Company  
Ft. Mill Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium Communications, Inc.  
Home Telephone Company, Inc.  
Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
Lancaster Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium Communications, Inc.  
Lockhart Telephone Company  
McClellanville Telephone Company  
Norway Telephone Company  
Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
PBT Telecom, Inc.  
Ridgeway Telephone Company  
Rock Hill Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium Communications, Inc.  
Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
St. Stephen Telephone Company  
West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
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                 Universal Service Support.

I, Rebecca W. Martin, Secretary for McNair Law Firm, P. A., do hereby certify that I have this date served one (1) copy of the attached Petition to Intervene in the above-referenced matter on the following parties of record by causing said copy to be deposited with the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid and affixed thereto, and addressed as shown below.

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